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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<b>In Re Application of:</b>	Tomaschko et al.
<b>Application No.:</b>	09/781,388
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<b>For:</b>	Balloon Cones and Waists Thinning Methodology
<b>Examiner:</b>	Vy Q. Bui
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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

This Response After Final is in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 11, 2002.

**In The Claims:**

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Please cancel claims 40 and 44 from the application without prejudice or disclaimer.

**REMARKS**

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 11, 2002 wherein claims 27-30, 33-39 and 41-46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by, or alternatively under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over U.S. 5,733,301 to Forman; and claims 40 and 44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Forman in view of U.S. 6,258,099 to Mareiro et al (Mareiro). In response, Applicant respectfully submits the following comments. In addition, included herewith is a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 by Lixiao Wang.